GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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ELECTION REFORMS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have called any meeting of the political parties on the election reforms in the recent past; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI)

(a) and (b) The Government discussed with the political parties on 8.7.2002 the situation arising out of the judgment of the Supreme Court dated 2.5.2002 directing the Election Commission to call for certain additional information on affidavit from the candidates at elections as part of the nomination forms. There was unanimity in the said meeting that only Parliament had the power to legislate in this matter and there was need to curb criminalisation in politics by enacting suitable legislation in consultation with the political parties. A draft of the Bill on the subject has been circulated to them.